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(917th Civil Engineering Squadron) Top: Tech. Sgt. Larry Griffin, assists Tech. Sgt. Errol Need, with a concrete vibrator used to spread the cement out for an aerospace ground equipment pad

on the Pope AFB, N. C., flightline. Bottom: Senior Airman Barney King II, removes insulation from a pipe in the visiting officers' quarters at Pope AFB, N. C.

PHOTOS BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS SHANNON COLLINS

Airman 1st Class Shannon K. Collins Public Affairs Apprentice

"Hold this board for me," one airman says to another as he lines the board up with an electric saw. In the background, a hammer pounds and a scratching, scraping noise sets the rhythm. An electric drill revs up and joins the chorus. "Bang, ree-er, ssst," the tools yell in harmony.

This music isn't a Broadway musical but airmen hard at work, renovating a building at Patrick AFB, Fla. Two civil engineer teams from the 917th Wing went in two different directions to work on various base projects. In June, 24 airmen went to Pope Air Force Base, N.C., to

pour cement and renovate four visiting officers' quarters buildings. Fifteen airmen flew south to help the 920th Military Personnel Flight at Patrick Air Force Base, Fla.

The Pope crew had much to do. "We were supporting Air Mobility Command and the 43rd Civil Engineer Squadron," said Chief Master Sgt. Russell Wilkinson, 917CES superintendent of operations.

"We were supporting those folks in some projects that they had not been able to man. We poured some cement to expand the parking down in the flightline area for Aerospace Ground Equipment and participated in part of the remodel to upgrade some visiting



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Engineers on the road

A message from the Commander

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I would like to take a moment this month to re-emphasize the importance of maintaining a great working relationship with your civilian employer. Without that good relationship, your ability to participate in the Reserve will suffer and thus the effectiveness of the Air Force Reserve will be diminished. One of the most important aspects of the Employer-Reservist relationship is good communication.

...thank your employer, and supervisor for their cooperation and let them know their support in arranging schedules to fit your Reserve duty is appreciated by both you and the 917th Wing.

Start by keeping your employer informed about your UTA and annual tour dates as far in advance as possible. This allows your employer to plan for, and cover for your absence. If volunteer opportunities arise for Reserve duty at the last minute, talk it over with your supervisor, and make sure it would not severely affect your company's operations if you commit to the military duty.

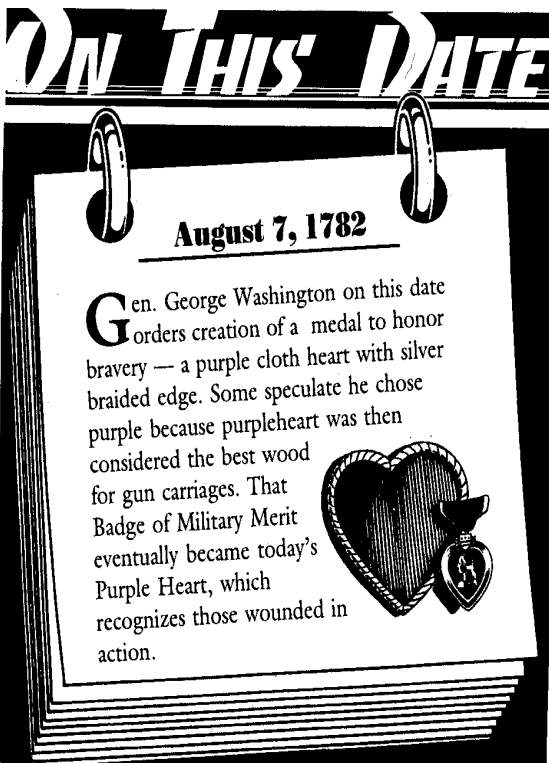
Another thing that will enhance your relationship is telling your employer about the productive things you are learning and accomplishing while performing military service. Don't give



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the impression that your Reserve duty is just a vacation from your work.

Finally, thank your employer and supervisor for their cooperation, and let them know their support in arranging schedules to fit your Reserve duty is appreciated by both you and the 917th Wing. Another way to thank them is through the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve Recognition Program. Nomination forms are available in our PA office as well as on the internet (<http://www.ncesgr>), and they take only seconds to complete. Going the extra mile with your employer will pay huge dividends down the road.



Chaplain's Corner:

Integrity first...service before self...excellence in all we do.

By Chaplain (Maj.) Bill Willis, Sr.

The core values of the Air Force climax with "excellence in all we do." We are encouraged to develop a passion for improvement and innovation in all areas including product/service excellence, personal excellence, community excellence, resources excellence and operations excellence.

Spiritually we are often encouraged to strive for excellence for our God. The apostle Paul introduces the famous "love" chapter, I Corinthians 13, with these words: "So faith, hope, love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

As we serve our country through the Air Force Reserve, faithfully practicing and promoting its core values, may we also renew our commitments to the core values of our God.

In brief

Supplies available for pickup

These items were back-ordered by reservists over the last 120 days and need to be picked up as soon as possible. Listed below are the first five letters of the persons name and the items awaiting pickup:

Brigh	BDU jacket
Flore	Ear defenders
Frank	BDU jacket liner
Johns	Ear defenders
Johns	Liner, gortex
King	BDU jacket liner
Parka	Headset
Parne	Liner, gortex
Reser	Liner, gortex

Golf tournament scheduled for September

The Commander's Cup Golf Tournament is scheduled for September 11. The tournament will be a shotgun start, four person scramble. Tee off time is 2 p.m. The cost per player is \$ 20 which will include golf cart, dinner, door prizes and drinks.

Participants can sign up with any committee member: Jessica D'Aurizio (Public Affairs), Steve Lindberg (Supply),

Tom Smith (93rd Maintenance), Randy Salee (Command Post) or Allen Atkins (Quality Assurance). Each person will be responsible for paying their green fees at the pro shop before the tournament begins. Also participants must arrive at work that morning at 6 a.m. to start their work day.

Following the tournament, a dinner will be served at the clubhouse with prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Last Places, Longest Drive, Closest to the Pin and Most Accurate Drive. Door prizes will also be given at this time.

Computer classes offered

Computer classes will continue to be offered on Saturdays and Sundays of the main UTA's.

The class schedule is as follows:

August and September:	
Sat. 9-11 a.m.	Outlook 98
Sat. 1-3 p.m.	Intro. to Word 97
Sun. 9-11 a.m.	Intro. to Powerpoint 97
No classes in October	
November:	
Sat. 9-11 a.m.	Frontpage 98
Sat. 9-11 a.m.	Word 97
Sat. 1-3 p.m.	Access 97
Sun. 9-11 a.m.	Intro. to Computers
No classes in December	

Classes for the alternate UTA's are as follows:

September:

Sat. 9-11 a.m. Word 97

Sat. 1-3 p.m. Power Point 97

November:

Sat. 9-11 a.m. Intro. to Computers

Sat. 1-3 p.m. Access 97

To register, contact Senior Master Sgt. Margaret Mayweather at 456-9859.

Flightline driving classes start

A flightline drivers training class will now be held at 1 p.m., Sunday of each primary UTA. This will help all 917th personnel in getting the flightline drivers training that is required at Barksdale. The class will start the August UTA.

The training will be held in the 917 LSS training room (Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243) and will last approximately one hour. For more information contact Senior Master Sgt. Norm Hustead at 456-9411.

East gate opens for UTA

The east gate will be open on a trial basis through September. The gate will only be opened from 6 -7 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday of the main UTA to monitor the amount of traffic that would be in the gate if it were open.

What Air Expeditionary Force means to you

by Airman 1st Class Shannon Collins
Public Affairs Apprentice

The Air Force Reserve seeks volunteers for Europe and Middle East deployments.

"The Air Force Reserve Command presently has planned deployment requirements and needs long term volunteers to operate out of locations in Europe and the Middle East," Maj. Gen. James Sherrard III, Commander of the Air Force Reserve Command, stated in a June 7th memorandum. "These deployments are scheduled to start in October."

"AF Reserve members being ordered to active duty in support of the Air Expeditionary Force will be placed on Military Personnel Appropriation orders," Sherrard said. "Members may request in advance that this tour be substituted for their annual tour."

Sherrard further stated, commanders having a need for reservists to perform an annual tour, in addition to the AEF deployment, may do so only as a voluntary action. AEF volunteers will deploy for a minimum of 15 days in country.

"Active participation in the Air Force Reserve will change dramatically with AEF implementation," said Senior Master Sgt. Jack Bivens, 917th Wing Plans superintendent.

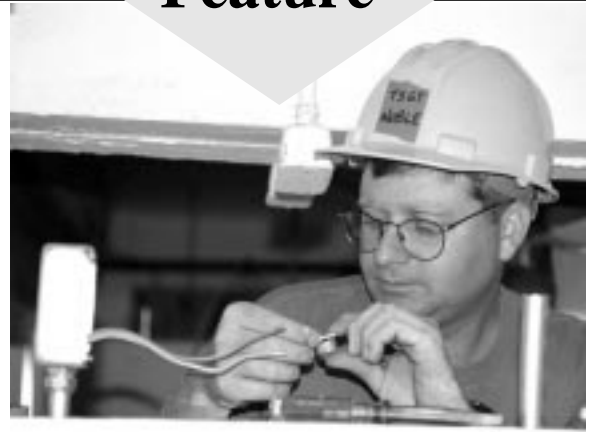
"There will be an on-going requirement for overseas and

some Continental United States deployments. Reservists will have to plan on participating in AEF deployments," he said. "The 917th Wing will be tasked to fill Expeditionary Combat Support, formerly referred to as Base Operating Support, requirements when our B-52's are tasked for global power missions in 2000."

The 917th Wing will probably not stay at Barksdale with the B-52's during AEF Cycle 2, Rotation 7 period sometime next year, Bivens said. "If you possess the AFSC, meet the AEF training requirements, and have approval from your supervisors, you may volunteer for AEF requirements," he said. "The longer the period you are available to volunteer, the better your chances of being selected to deploy."

"You will undoubtedly hear more about AEF requirements in the future," Bivens said. "Reserve participation is changing. With this change, there will be more opportunity to deploy overseas and actively participate in total force mission accomplishment. If this travel or "sharpening" of your wartime skills interests you, please follow through and volunteer to support AEF."

"The AEF is a relatively new concept where the wartime planners can source requirements to various parts of the world in a fast, expedient and timely manner," said Lt. Col. Robert Timm, 917th Wing Plans director. "For the real world, it's going to be (AEF continued on page 7)



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Top Left: Staff Sgt. Robert Attaway, cuts a 2 x 4 piece of wood for a door frame at Patrick AFB, Fla. **Top Right:** Tech. Sgt. Randy Noble, wires lighting and receptacle circuits for a building on Patrick AFB. **Bottom Left:** Chief Master Sgt. Larry Payne, 917MS, smooths out the cement for the AGE pad at Pope AFB. **Bottom Middle:** King, solders a connection to copper tubing for the

plumbing system at the Pope AFB VOQ. **Bottom Middle:** Tech. Sgt. John Vaughn, power pro, puts in the correct drill bit for fasteners used on a brick wall at the Pope AFB VOQ. **Bottom Right:** Tech. Sgt. Charlie Everett, structures scribes a mark for a window molding.

officers' quarters to the newer Air Force (Engineers continued on page 4) (Engineers continued from page 1) standards. We also augmented their power production shop."

The Patrick team was busy as well. "We removed partitions, built a secure T-Net and training room, and demolished a shower unit and semi-office to make an office," said Senior Master Sgt. Charles Hensley, HVAC superintendent and NCOIC of Operations at Patrick. "Then,

we took a vacant room where they had a wooden wall, took it down, put up metal studs and built three offices. Next, we built a secure mailroom."

The structural part was only half of the work. According to Master Sgt. Alan Reger, electrical supervisor, the engineers also installed lights and receptacles, telephone lines and air conditioner ducts.

"We help out all of the time. Anytime somebody else needs us to come up and do something, we're more than

willing to lend a hand," Reger said. We'll do painting, floating, taping, whatever is needed to get the project done. That is what we're here for.

"We want to have a satisfied customer," he continued. "It's not like we're stuck in our own distinct career field. We're broad-based enough where we've got carpentry, plumbing and painting skills."

"Rrrreeerrr, bang, ssst, clang," the tools continue to yell at a steady pace. The duty day is over, but the CE airmen are still hard at work.

TopSTAR aims high for Air Force medics



PHOTOS BY BELINDA BAZINET

Twenty-one members of the 917th Medical Squadron had an opportunity to refresh their skills at the Top Sustainment Training to Advance Readiness (TopSTAR) program. TopSTAR, conducted at Wilford Hall Medical Center, Texas, helps sustain the standards of basic medical skills for Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard and active duty medical personnel. "Many of the Reserve Forces personnel are not in the medical field in their civilian jobs and keeping their medical skills up to standard is a challenge," Maj. Guy Monson, TopSTAR officer-in-charge, said.

(Top left) Staff Sgt. Retrina Newton, a medical services attendant, practices suturing an arm wound on a mannequin. (Top right) Staff Sgt. Rebel Hester, a medical services attendant, intubates and artificially breathes for a mannequin. TopSTAR mannequins are no dummies. "They have simulated wounds of all kinds...and some have internal computers which provide realistic heart and breathing sounds," Monson said. (Bottom left) Tech. Sgt. Aunshell White (left) assists Capt. Corine Barral-Jones in starting an IV on a mannequin patient. (Bottom right) Capt. Beverly Lewis prepares to insert a nasal tube into a mannequin while Newton looks on.

Fans to cool the elderly

Ms. Hazel Gay, activity director for the Bossier Council on Aging, accepts fans from Master Sgt. Jorge Feliciano, 917th Logistics Squadron. He collected fans throughout the 917th Wing for donation to the Council. Fans are collected from businesses throughout the area at the beginning of the hot season. Senior citizens then call in from throughout the parish area requesting a fan to keep them cool.



PHOTO BY BETTY STEPHENS

Voices: What has been your biggest hurdle to completing Profession Military Education?



Master Sgt. Ken Potter
917th Maintenance Squadron

"My biggest hurdle will be completing Course 8, because it is so important to becoming a better NCO."



Staff Sgt. Wendell Bandy
917th Medical Squadron

"I have already completed all requirements in-residence. I highly recommend it because experiences are hands on, not just reading about it."



Senior Airman Robert Stewart
47th Fighter Squadron

"Lack of time to actually study. You get a little time here and there, but not much."



Airman 1st Class Photina Harris
917th Services Squadron

"Designating time to do CDC's is my biggest hurdle, because I'm in college full time."



Master Sgt. Meydon Lymberry

Master Sgt. Meydon Lymberry from the 917th Maintenance Squadron, has been selected as the Unit Career Advisor of the Year.

Tech. Sgt. Tony Rodriguez, Jr., of the 917th

Medical Squadron, tried to save the life of a retiree in a Stephenville, Texas, Bowling Center. Rodriguez brought the retiree back around by performing chest compressions and mouth to mouth when he fell to the ground unconscious.

Master Sgt. John Hayes and Mrs. Cynthia Pennington, husband and mother, pin on bars on newly commissioned **2nd Lt. Tambra Hayes** of the 917th Medical Squadron.



2Lt. Tambra Hayes



Tech. Sgt. Tony Rodriguez, Jr.

Promotions

Major

Edsel Frye, Jr.	Americo Caixeiro
Christopher Conte	Peter Costas
Thomas Cruzan	Jerry Deemer, Jr.
Michael Driscoll	Michael Gibbons
Bobby Holland	Eric Jones
David Knesek	Beverly Lewis
John Schulte	Jeffrey Stogsdill
Alan Teauseau	David Webb
Tony Wrzesinski	Ken Wysywny
Neel McSwain	Corine Barral-Jones

Master Sergeant

Jackie Davis	Raymond Gallaher
Randall Henley	Anthony Mosery
Bobby Tucker	

Technical Sergeant

Joseph Ball	Michael Campbell
David Beitler	Lenny Dean
Michael Nielsen	Terry Peek
James Ransom	Gene Watkins

Staff Sergeant

Rodrick Bratton	Marian Gilliam
Louis Hereford	Sherre Holmes
Troy Jones	Robert Stewart

Senior Airman

Marilyn Allen	Joshua Campbell
Cato Hagger III	Brian Helmick
John Hood	John Lincavage
Marshall Love II	Tammy Morris
Eric Risner	Michael Root

Torrance Thomas

Airman First Class

David Finley	Latasha Mitchell
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Airman

Fabia Coleman

SERVICES

917th Military Personnel Flight

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917th Wing Training Schedule

August UTA 7-8

Time	Event	Location	Participants
<u>Saturday</u>			
0600	UTA prayer breakfast	Red River Inn Dining Hall	Everyone welcome
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned unit	Personnel assigned
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	All unit commanders
0700	Short fly physicals	Flight surgeon's office	Flyers
0700-0830	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227 (auditorium)	All newcomers
0730-0800	Physicals	Inside base hospital foyer	See phys exam monitor
0700-1000	Body fat measurements	Base hospital, Family practice clinic	
0700-1030	Immunizations	Base hospital	
0800-1000	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hanger 7	As scheduled
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227	Everyone welcome
0900	OJT training mtg.	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 123	Unit training monitors
0900-1100	Intro. to Access 97	Base education	Scheduled personnel
0930, 1030 & 1330	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17	As scheduled
1000	First sergeants meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	First sergeants
1000	Unit deploy. managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm 227	As assigned
1200-1430	Immunizations	307th RED HORSE	All welcome
1300	Wing safety training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227	Unit safety reps.
1300-1500	Intro. to Word 97	Base education	Scheduled personnel
1550-1615	Sign-out 1550 -- CES, MSS, WG	1600 -- LG	1610 --MS
<u>Sunday</u>			
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit	Personnel assigned
0800	Initial CW training	Hanger 7	Scheduled personnel
0800	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227	As needed
0800-1200	EO 2000	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor	As needed
0830 & 1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor (by Burger King)	Scheduled by unit
0900	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227	As needed
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	Unit representative
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2	Everyone welcome
0900	Jena construction meeting	Bldg. 4714, conference room	Assigned personnel
0900-1100	Introduction to Excel 97	Base education	Scheduled personnel
1000	UPAR training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	Assigned personnel
1015-1100	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227 (auditorium)	Everyone welcome
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17	As scheduled
1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (opposite main entrance to base hospital)	
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243	All welcome
1400	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105	Unit commanders
1500	Wing commanders call	Bldg. 6825 (A-10 Hanger)	All personnel
1550-1615	Sign-out 1550 -- CES, MSS, WG	1600 -- LS	1610 -- MS

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Main	Alternate
Aug. 7-8	Aug. 14-15
Sep. 11-12	Sep. 18-19
Oct. 2-3	Oct. 16-17
Nov. 6-7	Nov. 20-21
Dec. 4-5	Dec. 11-12
Jan. 8-9	Jan. 22-23
Feb. 5-6	Feb. 12-13
Mar. 4-5	Mar. 11-12
Apr. 1-2	Apr. 8-9
May 6-7	May 20-21

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